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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

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Applicant calls the Examiner's attention to the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies enclosed, which may be material to examination of the above-identified application.

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The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. The listed patents and publications are believed of interest herein and consideration and citation as of interest by Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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